

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BROWN COUNTY
LAND CONSERVATION SUBCOMMITTEE

Pursuant to Section 18.94 Wis. Stats., a regular meeting of the **Brown County Land Conservation Subcommittee** was held on Monday, March 23, 2009 in Room 161, UW-Extension, 1150 Bellevue Street, Green Bay, Wisconsin

Present: Norb Dantinne, Bernie Erickson, Dan Haefs, Dave Kaster,
Norb VandeHei
Excused: Mike Fleck
Also Present: Bill Hafs, Jon Bechle, Rama Zenz
Tom Hinz, Supervisor Jack Krueger

I. Call Meeting to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Norb Dantinne at 6:00 p.m.

II. Approve/Modify Agenda:

Motion made by Supervisor Erickson and seconded by N. VandeHei to approve the agenda. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

III. Approve/Modify Minutes of Land Conservation Subcommittee of February 23, 2009:

Motion made by Supervisor Erickson and seconded by N. VandeHei to approve the minutes. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

1. Communication from Supervisor Dantinne re: To have the County as a whole draft a resolution that would stop the raising of fees for state use. (Referred from March County Board):

Supervisor Dantinne requested the drafting of a resolution which would stop the raising of fees for state use. He stated he would prefer to see taxes raised, rather than an increase in fees.

A letter from Kewaunee County Land & Water Conservation Committee to state representatives as included in packet material was reviewed. This letter addresses items in the Governor's budget that are of concern related to land and water conservation issues. (See letter for details.)

Mr. Hafs requested permission to write a similar letter which would represent Brown County concerns regarding unfunded mandates.

Supervisor Krueger informed the committee that a public hearing and review of the Governor's budget will be held at Lawrence University on April 1st.

Although Supervisor Haefs stated he would support a motion to draft a resolution, he was of the opinion that something more dramatic should be done to get the attention of state representatives.

Executive Hinz agreed that many of these resolutions fall on "deaf ears" and informed the committee of another issue involving probation holds at the jail, which are costing the County thousands of dollars a year. Corporation Counsel is drafting a resolution on this matter also.

Further discussion resulted in the consensus to approve a resolution, with a request that it be forwarded to the County Board for further discussion.

Motion made by Supervisor Erickson and seconded by Supervisor Kaster to refer to Corporation Counsel to draft a resolution.

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

2. **Land & Water Conservation Department Monthly Budget Update (to be distributed at meeting):**

Motion made by Supervisor Erickson and seconded by N. VandeHei to receive and place on file. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

3. **Jim Kettler, Executive Director Lakeshore Natural Resource Partnership – 19 minute Sea Grant Film on Cladophora and Impacts of Phosphorus Run-Off to Lake Michigan:**

Jim Kettler of Lakeshore Natural Resource Partnership showed a film on the algae problem that has occurred in Lake Michigan (DVD's are available through the LCC office). The source of the algae is attributed to high amounts of phosphorus in the water, along with seagulls, and urban and agriculture runoff. Cladophora has developed which has created smelly deposits along the shoreline. Zebra mussels which have cleared the water now make it easier for sunshine to get through and make the cladophora matter grow more abundantly.

In an attempt to stop the growth, the Clean Water Act has developed best management practices related to phosphorus reduction, manure and fertilizer application. However, the best way to reduce growth of cladophora is to reduce stormwater runoff and use organic matter on the land, along with phosphorus free fertilizer.

For further information on this issue go to www.seagrants.wisc.edu/algae .

4. **Letter from Kewaunee County re: State Budget Concerns for Land & Water Conservation (attached):**

Mr. Hafs referred to a letter sent by Kewaunee County to area Wisconsin legislators addressing concerns for land and water conservation (in packet material). He requested that he be authorized to draft a similar letter representing Brown County, explaining that the Lake Michigan Area Association of Land Conservation made an attempt to have a legislative meeting last fall,

however, few attended. At that time, he joined forces with the Conservation League of Voters and from that effort, four priorities were brought forward.

A communication from Senator Dave Hansen dated 3/17/09 was distributed and is attached. Hansen addresses the four issues of greatest importance to the conservation community. These issues are: 1) to preserve groundwater, 2) to stop global warming in Wisconsin; 3) to restore conservation integrity; and 4) to protect Wisconsin's drinking water. Hansen stated that he met with citizen lobbyists to discuss conservation priorities in February.

Hafs stated that the Kewaunee County letter addresses staffing, pointing out that it would take \$2 million to cover the unfunded mandates imposed. The State has decided not to do this and instead has raised fees.

Motion made by Supervisor Erickson and seconded by N. VandeHei to authorize Bill Hafs to write a letter regarding state budget concerns for Land & Water Conservation representing Brown County.

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

5. **Land & Water Conservation Tree Handout from Wednesday, April 23rd.
(attachments: 2009 Tree Brochure & Windbreaks Can Save You Money):**

Rama Zenz of the LCC office distributed a brochure detailing the 2009 Tree Sale to be held on April 23rd by the Brown County Land & Water Conservation Department and the Brown County Conservation Alliance. This brochure is available through LLC and in packet material.

6. **Director's Report:**
None
7. **Such other matters as authorized by law:**
None

Motion made by Supervisor Erickson and seconded by Supervisor Kaster to adjourn at 6:50 p.m. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

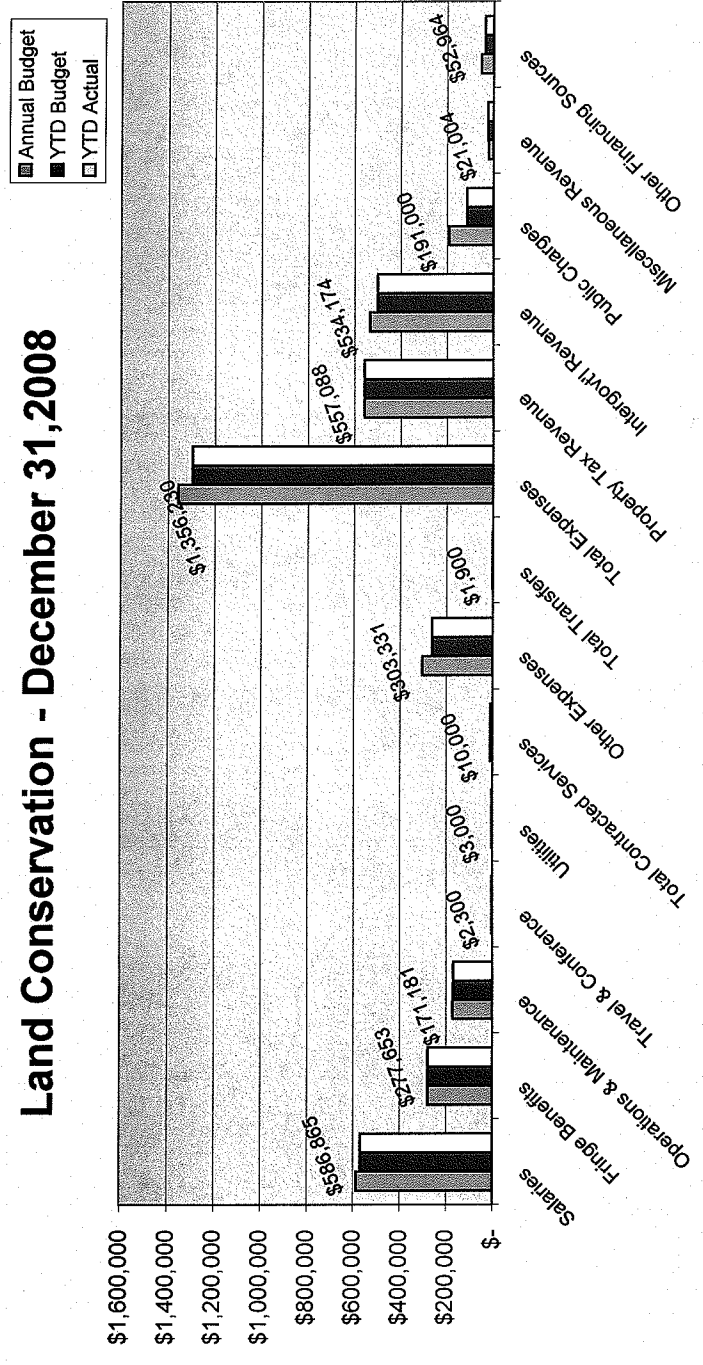
Respectfully submitted,

Rae G. Knippel
Recording Secretary

Brown County
Land Conservation
Budget Status Report (unaudited)
3/23/2009

	Annual Budget	YTD Budget	YTD Actual
Salaries	\$ 586,865	\$ 568,533	\$ 568,533
Fringe Benefits	\$ 277,653	\$ 278,459	\$ 278,459
Operations & Maintenance	\$ 171,181	\$ 168,765	\$ 168,765
Travel & Conference	\$ 2,300	\$ 3,273	\$ 3,273
Utilities	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,214	\$ 3,214
Total Contracted Services	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000
Other Expenses	\$ 303,331	\$ 261,126	\$ 261,126
Total Transfers	\$ 1,900	\$ 1,900	\$ 1,900
Total Expenses	\$ 1,356,230	\$ 1,295,270	\$ 1,295,270
Property Tax Revenue	\$ 557,088	\$ 557,088	\$ 557,088
Intergov't'l Revenue	\$ 534,174	\$ 500,688	\$ 500,688
Public Charges	\$ 191,000	\$ 114,579	\$ 114,579
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$ 21,004	\$ 23,314	\$ 23,314
Other Financing Sources	\$ 52,964	\$ 35,971	\$ 35,971
Grand Total Revenues	\$ 1,356,230	\$ 1,231,640	\$ 1,231,640
			\$60,961 under budget - expenditures
			\$124,590 short revenue (net - 63,629)

Land Conservation - December 31, 2008



All Washed Up
Lake Michigan's Algae Challenge

A presentation by the Lakeshore Natural Resource Partnership (LNRP)

Monday, March 23, 2009

Brown County Conservation Committee

For more information or for a more in-depth presentation contact:

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For further information on *cladophora* and appropriate best management practices, go to the following website:

www.seagrant.wisc.edu/algae/

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ON THE
Water
Life Depends on It. Protect It.



WISCONSIN STATE SENATOR

DAVE HANSEN

SENATOR – 30TH DISTRICT

ASSISTANT MAJORITY LEADER

March 17, 2009

Bill Hafs
5625 Hope Ln
Denmark, WI 54208-9484

Dear Bill,

Thank you for contacting me regarding support for the "Conservation Priorities," the four issues of greatest importance to the conservation community.

The issues, preserving groundwater, stopping global warming, restoring conservation integrity and protecting Wisconsin's drinking water, are all issues that I am interested in.

I was encouraged to meet with citizen lobbyists to discuss the Conservation Priorities 2009-2010 at the Conservation Lobby Day on February 25th, 2009. To reiterate my positions:

Preserve Groundwater: I authored legislation to regulate mining (2007 SB 441) closing the loophole in Wisconsin's groundwater laws that exempt metallic mining operations from complying with solid and hazardous waste laws. I am planning to reintroduce this legislation again this week.

I am also a coauthor of legislation to prohibit the use of phosphorous in lawn fertilizer, Senate Bill 5. This legislation will protect our lakes, rivers and streams from algae blooms that kill native fish and aquatic plants.

Stop Global Warming in Wisconsin: I voted for the Wisconsin Renewable Energy and Efficiency Act which sets goals to increase Wisconsin's use of alternative, renewable energy substantially over the next several years. I also voted to increase the production and use of biofuels to further reduce emissions, legislation to make it easier to site new wind farms while still taking into account local concerns, and I am working to make it easier to transport wind farm components in and through Wisconsin and to make Wisconsin more competitive in attracting wind power manufacturing to our state.

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Restore Conservation Integrity: I have always been and continue to be a cosponsor and supporter of legislation to return the DNR Secretary to an independent position and require timely appointments of Natural Resource Board members. I was the lead sponsor last session of legislation requiring senate action on DNR board appointments within 180 days after appointment (2007 SB 422).

Protect Wisconsin's Drinking Water: I plan to be the lead sponsor of legislation (at the request of the League of Conservation Voters) that will establish a five county management zone in Brown, Calumet, Door, Kewaunee and Manitowoc County to provide greater regulation of waste spreading in Northeastern Wisconsin. These counties have particular groundwater problems due to the unique, shallow, bedrock in the area.

Thank you again for contacting me. If you have any further questions on my position with respect to conservation or any other issue relating to state government, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Dave Hansen
State Senator

DH: jjw

S: natural resources